

EDAD 639 Administrative Practicum
Chadron State College
March 21st Class Reflection
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Class Reflection

Attendance: Vidyo
Class Session: Morning Session Only (9:30 am – 12:00 MT)

During the first class meeting in September 2014 I was provided an opportunity to meet the great educators that have been working towards the completion of their degrees alongside myself. I remember thinking about the road ahead of us during that meeting and how far off in the distance the March class meeting seemed to be. It is amazing to think about and reflect on the vast amount of learning, professional growth, and networking that has occurred from September's class meeting to today's meeting.

In today's meeting (3/21/2015) the class participants had an opportunity to hear about and share the details of their practicum experiences, created anthologies, and projects that are nearing completion. Each participant shared their anthology via website, which makes it easy as a learner to follow the thought process of the creator, gain new ideas/insight, and be able to refer to the created anthology as an educational resource. During the morning session of the class, I had the opportunity to listen to 5 presentations (Whitney Hurt, Doyle Meyer, Thomas Jassman, James Miller, and Jordan Siepker) from other educators, which included descriptions of their course anthologies, and projects that they were involved in or assigned by an instructional mentor. I was very impressed with the presentations that I had the opportunity to listen to. Each person clearly articulated their learning,

demonstrated technology and communication skills, and provided a glimpse into their professional growth.

Class meetings, whether conducted on-site or via technology, are extremely important for participants in an online learning environment. Having face-to-face interaction is still an important part of education. I am thankful that two meetings were scheduled for the class. It is always nice to put a face with a name, especially since that many of the class participants and I have been working together throughout our CSC courses. I hope that Chadron State College continues to host class meetings via on-site and through the use of technology. Educators must be cognizant of the collaborative efforts that it takes to be a successful instructional leader, and building a professional network through class meetings helps begin the journey.

Thank you.

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